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REMARKS

The specification is being amended to update the status of the parent applications, and to correct a misspelling and two typographical errors. Thus, no new matter is being added. Therefore, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

In addition, applicants are providing a copy of Randolph, et al., Nucl. Acids Res. 25(14):2923-2929(1997), Cite No. H in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by applicants on November 1, 2001. The Examiner's indication that this reference would be considered and made of record is greatly appreciated.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if she has any further questions.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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